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To HENRY STONECASTLE, *Esq;*

Mr. SPECTATOR,

HERE is a young Lady with whom I am desperately in Love: She has all the Charms which I desire; my Acquaintance ridicule me for so violent a Passion for *Cynthia*, only because I *never* saw her in my Life: Perhaps, Mr. *Stonecastle*, you may think me either a Madman or a Fool 'till you hear my Case. *Cynthia* is a young *Lincolnshire* Lady, now on the Road to *London*, where she is to reside some Months with her Aunt. You must know also, Sir, that I lodge in the same House with her Aunt, and having had the Honour to drink Tea with her several Times, have heard so amiable a Character of the agreeable, lovely, charming *Cynthia*, that my Heart is rapture'd with her Charms: I think only of making *her* my Wife, and *both* of us *happy*.

Pray, Sir, excuse my putting a Question, which is the sole Occasion of this Letter:——*Can it*, or, *can it not* be *possible* for a Man to fall in Love with a Woman from *Description* only?———Your Opinion will oblige

Your enamour'd Querist,
SAMUEL TINDERLOVE.

I wish my Correspondent had mention'd some other Particulars, and I could have better resolv'd him, as whether her *Temper*, or her *Wit*, or her *Person*, or what would have been of more Instruction, her *Fortune* was *describ'd*. I have heard, that as there is *loving* at *first Sight*, so there is *loving* at *first Description*, but then the Description turns more on *Wealth* than *Wit* or *Beauty*. There is a pretty Character of these Enamoratos in Sir *Richard Steele*'s Play of *The Tender Husband*: Captain *Clerimont*, a younger Brother, applys to a Person to get him a rich Alderman's Niece, on his saying—*You know her*;—the Scene goes on thus:

'*Pounce.* To my Knowledge *Ten thousand Pounds* in '*Money*.

'*Capt. Cler.* Such a Stature, such a blooming 'Countenance, so easy a Shape!

'*Pounce.* In Jewels of her Grandmother's, *Five* '*thousand* Pounds.

'*Capt. Cler.* Her Wit so lively, her Mein so al-'luring!

'*Pounce.* In Land a *Thousand per Annum*.

'*Capt. Cler.* Her Lips that have that certain Pro-'minence, that swelling Softness, that they invite to 'a Pressure; her Eyes that languish, that they give 'Pain, tho' they look only inclin'd to Rest.——— 'Her whole Person that one Charm!——

'*Pounce.* Raptures! Raptures!

'*Capt. Cler.* How can it, so insensibly to itself, 'lead us through Cares it knows not, through such a 'Wilderness of Hopes, Fears, Joys, Sorrows, Desires, 'Despairs, Extasies and Torments, with so sweet, 'though so anxious a Vicissitude!

'*Pounce.* Why, I thought you had *never seen* her.

'*Capt. Cler.* No more I han't.

'*Pounce.* Who told you then of her *inviting Lips*, 'her *soft-sleepy Eyes*!——

'*Capt. Cler.* Yourself—You yourself.——

'*Pounce.* Sure you rave, I never spoke of her be-'fore to you.

'*Capt. Cler.* Why, you won't face me down?—— 'Did you not just now say she had *Ten thousand* '*Pounds* in Money, *Five* in Jewels, and a *Thousand* '*per Annum*?

'*Pounce.* I confess *my Stupidity* and *her Charms*.'—

If my Correspondent, Mr. *Tinderlove*, is enamour'd with his *Cynthia*, as the *Captain* was with his fair *Incognita*, I must acknowledge it is possible for a Man to fall in *Love* by *Description only*, and I am afraid there are more Lovers ravish'd from such Motives, than by *Wit*, *Temper* or *Person*: Till I know the Cause that touch'd the *Lover's Heart*, I must suspend giving any Solution to his Question.

As *Spring* approaches, I find my Love Correspondence encreases, I shall occasionally only devote some Papers to them, having other Subjects which I have prepar'd for the Publick.——My next Lover, of To-day, after having protest'd, that 'tis difficult to love *True*, exemplifies it by the following poetic Production.

To all LOVERS,
Under what Denomination whatsoever.
An Imitation, *from* Doctor DONN.

HONEST Lover, whosoever,
If in all thy Loving, ever
Thought e'er waver'd, if thy Flame
Were not still, and still the same:
Know this, You have not lov'd, but to love True,
Thou must begin again and love a-new.

If when she comes in the Room,
Thou not trembleſt, and art dumb,
And in striving this to cover,
Thou not speak'ſt thy Words *twice* over:
Know this, You have not lov'd, but to love True,
Thou must begin again and love a-new.

If thou do'ſt not fond Miſtake,
And *Defects* for *Graces* take,
Think that she has spoke a Jeſt,
When not common Senſe at beſt:
Know this, You have not lov'd, but to love True,
Thou must begin again and love a-new.

If in Senſes you appear,
When you're ſpoke to if you hear;
When you anſwer, if it be
With the leaſt Propriety:
Know this, You have not lov'd, but to love True,
Thou must begin again and love a-new.

If you by theſe Signs diſcover
That you are no perfect Lover;
And deſiring *True* to love,
Imperfections you'd remove:
Know this, You have not lov'd, but to love True,
Love *deprives Man of* Senſes,—*Love a-new.*

My laſt Lover is a Lover in Diſtreſs, and I therefore leave him to relate his own Story.

To the AUTHOR *of the* SPECTATOR.

SIR,

THE Diſtreſs of the following Story may, I'm ſure, plead for your Inſpection, if not lay Claim to your Compaſſion.

Yours, *Unknown.*

Sylvius, a Man of good Temper, Vivacity, and Learning, is as much as any Perſon courted by Judges of Worth and Converſation. As he wants no Qualifications to recommend him to the Men, ſo he wants no Amiableneſs to render him engaging to the Women.—Many Ladies of *ſuperior* Fortunes to *Sylvius*, have, during a Life of Application and Aſſiduity, given him to underſtand, that the Addreſſes of their *Inferiors* would not have been their Averſion, but a Nobleneſs of Heart, which is ever cautious of incurring great Obligations, made him decline thoſe Favours which he was conſcious of not deſerving. The Education of *Sylvius* is un-objected to, his Fortunes eaſy, his Employ reputable.——Arriv'd now to that Period of Life and Fortune, when Affections, placed with Prudence and Virtue, might not unreaſonably hope for Succeſs; induc'd by many particulars, kind, and *direct Intimations* from *Eraſto*, a Man of ample Subſtance, he ventur'd to declare a long conceal'd and tender Paſſion to him for his Daughter *Eudocia*, a young Lady, indeed, of great Merit and Beauty, but yet by no Means in any *Worldly View* ſuperior to the Deſert of *Sylvius*. His Addreſſes are not receiv'd with Averſion or Reluctance on any Hand. The *Father* leaves him alone with his Daughter. Devoid of Art, he at once gives her the fulleſt Aſſurance of a ſincere Paſſion: Her Behaviour ſhews him no Reaſon to repent of his Openneſs. He makes a ſecond Viſit:——A conſtrain'd Coolneſs appears:——A third——cooler ſtill and more conſtrain'd:——A fourth——ſuch Difficulties are thrown now in the Way, as plainly diſcover ſomewhat in Agitation.——In ſhort, after having admitted his Addreſſes to his Daughter, and afforded him ſufficient Time, and Opportunity of loſing effectually his Heart, *Eraſto* gives *Sylvius* at length to underſtand, that tho' he can part with his Daughter, he can by no Means part with a *Halfpenny* of Fortune.———There is no Man of more Generoſity or Spirit than *Sylvius*.——His Generoſity would induce him readily, was he fully ſure of her *Affections* and real *Want* of *Fortune*, to take and value *Eudocia*, as *Eudocia*.——But his Judgment and Spirit informs him, that the whole Behaviour of the Parents hath viſibly been *Art* and *Colluſion*, and ſo will not ſuffer *him* to commence *their Dupe*, and be impoſ'd upon. He looks upon a Huſband as a Truſtee for the Lady; where Money, therefore, is to be had, he ought to inſiſt upon *ſomewhat* for *her* Sake, and yet what he aſks, is only what he will *ſettle* upon *her immediately*?——He cannot, therefore, without Concern, offer ſo great an Injury both to *himſelf* and *Eudocia*, as to think of taking the Daughter, of *Eraſto* without a *Halfpenny*.———By this Means a Match, promiſing of much Bliſs, is diſſipated.——*Eudocia*, in her own Opinion, is depriv'd of a moſt agreeable advantageous Offer; and *Sylvius*, who loves *Eudocia* ardently, render'd extremely unhappy. Mr. *Stonecaſtle*, I would deſire an Anſwer to this Query: Is the preſent Behaviour of *Eraſto* founded on the Rule of common Juſtice? Ought they, who pretend to *Virtue*, ſport with the *virtuous Affections* of a moſt valuable Man? or ought we to pretend to Humanity, and be Tyrants to a moſt deſerving young Woman and a Daughter?

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FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

Peterſbourg, Jan. 12. The Grand Duke of Ruſſia is fallen ſick, and we are afraid it is the Small-Pox.

We hear that Schach Nadir has already advanced within eighty Leagues of Aſtracan at the Head of 100,000 Men.

General Keith having again begg'd the Empreſs to conſider the Reaſons that prevent his accepting the Command of the Army which is aſſembling on the Frontiers of Perſia, her Imperial Majeſty has given it to Lieutenant General Lieven, with as unlimited a Power as General Munich had when he headed our Armies againſt the Turks.

Some Advices from the Frontiers of Perſia ſay, that Schach Nadir's Embaſſador did, in his return home, attempt to ſurprize the Fortreſs of Kiſlar by a Stratagem; but General Taraſcanow having had timely Notice of the Deſign, render'd it abortive. It is reported here, that there has been a ſharp Rencounter between a Ruſſian Regiment and a Body of Perſian Troops.

Naples, Jan. 15. The Captain of the Engliſh Frigate, of whom we made mention laſt Poſt, ſet ſail a few Days ſince, after having had another Conference with the King's Miniſters. The Court does not publiſh a Tittle of his Commiſſion, but we judge that he came with ſome Menaces; becauſe, ſince his Departure, we work with more Diligence than ever on the new Works to ſecure this Harbour, and divers Orders have been ſent into the Country, eſpecially to the Frontiers.

Rome, Jan. 19. The Court has juſt iſſued Orders to prepare Etapes for a Body of Troops that are actually on their March from Naples to Lombardy: This Corps conſiſts of 14 Battalions, but we don't hear what Number of Horſe they have. We are alſo preparing Etapes for 600 Neapolitan Soldiers, that are to march from Orbitello to Lombardy.

Venice, Jan. 26. By our laſt Advices from Lombardy we hear, that Count Traun has taken his Meaſures for retreating towards the Po, in caſe the Spaniards attempt to paſs the Panaro before his Army is reinforced: His Excellency is reduced to this Shift by the Defection of near 3000 Croatians, who would by all means return home.

Geneva, Jan. 25. Notwithſtanding the fair Promiſes of the Marquiſs de Euſenada, firſt Miniſter of the Infant Don Philip, the Spaniards have quarter'd Troops upon St. Victor and Chapter, who commit divers Exceſſes there. The Spaniards in the Dutchy of Savoy are entirely ruining the whole Country: They plunder the Boors of all their Seed and Forage, ſo that in a little Time they will be forc'd to kill their Beaſts for Want of wherewithal to feed them. This affords a very bad Proſpect for us as well as for the Savoyards. It is impoſſible that any Place can be in a more miſerable Condition than Chamberry now is; it is no longer a rich Town, for the Inhabitants are obliged to provide every thing neceſſary towards furniſhing the Hoſpitals for the Lodging of 4000 Men, and the whole Court of the Infant; and if the moſt trifling thing be wanting, the Sindicks have immediately fifty Soldiers quarter'd upon them, who live at Diſcretion. All the other little Towns of Savoy are uſed in the ſame Manner. Don Blaize, Envoy Extraordinary from Spain to the Helvetick Body, has ſent his Secretary to Zurich, to preſent his Credential Letters: In them the King of Spain ſtiles himſelf Duke of Milan. Theſe Letters have been read in a Grand Council at Zurich, and they have been communicated to the other Cantons, whoſe Sentiments upon the Matter are expected, that a proper Anſwer may be given to Don Blaize. The Title of Duke of Milan will greatly embarraſs ſome of the Cantons, upon Account of their Agreement with the Houſe of Auſtria concerning the Milaneſe.

Geneva, Jan. 29. A few Days ſince a large Detachment of Spaniſh Troops paſs'd the Bridge of Tremblière, in order to extend their Quarters in that Part of Savoy next the Rhone. The Inhabitants of the Valaize, a little Republick in alliance with the Swiſs, have taken up Arms in order to keep the Spaniards out of their Country, and at the ſame time ſent for Succours to the Cantons of Bern and Fribourg, who immediately order'd a Body of between 3 and 4000 Men to march to their Aſſiſtance.

As for our parts we have doubled our Guards, and mounted the Artillery on all the Works of the City, upon the Appearance of 1500 Spaniſh Horſe and 2400 Foot, who are come to take up Quarters in this Neighbourhood: We have ſent Deputies to Chamberry to make Repreſentations on this Head; but as yet we only hear, that they have met with a moſt gracious Reception from the Infant Don Philip.

Schaffhouſen, Jan. 30. Three Battalions of 800 Men each are actually raiſing in the Canton of Switz for the King of Spain. The Canton of Zurich is aſſembling in all Haſte 60 Companies of 100 Men each, for the Aſſiſtance of the Helvetick Body's Allies.

Prague, Jan. 9. We are here taking an Inventory of all the Effects left by the French, and yielded by Capitulation to her Majeſty, among which we have found a great Number of Cannon, and 700,000 Cartouches charg'd.

Vienna, Jan. 26. An Edict will be publiſh'd in a few Days, prohibiting the Importation of all French Goods, viz. Wines, Oil, Silks, Stuffs, &c. and the wearing of all Gold and Silver Lace, Gold and Silver Brocades, &c.

Straſbourg, Jan. 30. Twenty thouſand Men are actually on their March for Bavaria, but have not yet paſſed the Rhine: This Corps is deſtin'd to recruit Marſhal Broglio's Army, which is to conſiſt of 60,000 Men. The Imperial Army will conſiſt of 40,000 Men, when recruited. Fifteen or twenty thouſand French Troops are to hold themſelves in Readineſs to march for Bavaria in March next, if Occaſion requires it.

Ratiſbon, Jan. 31. Notwithſtanding the Rigour of the Seaſon, the Operations of the Campaign are begun in ſeveral Places: Divers conſiderable Parties of Huſſars were ſeen laſt Night near Regenſtauff, Kirn, and other Places. We hear that the Auſtrians have taken Schwandorff on the Naab, and thereby cut off the Communication between Amberg and Bavaria.

Paris, Feb. 1. The King has order'd two Sols *per Diem* to be added to the Pay of all the French Soldiers in Bavaria.

Hague, Feb. 2. The Queſtion concerning the ſending a Body of Troops to the Aſſiſtance of the Queen of Hungary, which has been ſo long depending before the States of Holland, was this Day reſolv'd in the Affirmative.

Hague, Feb. 4. The Britiſh Court has actually reſolv'd to negotiate a Body of 12,000 Men in Switzerland, in order to reinforce the King of Sardinia's Army.

Letters arriv'd from Germany laſt Night bring a Confirmation that the Generals Nadaſti and Feltutz have block'd up Egra; and that the reſt of the Hungarian Troops, lately come out of Bohemia, are in Motion towards the River Regen.

Hague, Feb. 5. Baron Reiſchach, the Queen of Hungary's Miniſter, has receiv'd a Reſcript from Vienna, in the Form of a Manifeſto, which contains a Refutation of all Writings, Memorials, &c. publiſh'd by the Powers at War with her Hungarian Majeſty. In this Reſcript the Queen declares her Reſolution not to lay down her Arms, and chuſe to ſee herſelf ſtripp'd of her Dominions by Fire and Sword, rather than come into any Accommodation injurious to her Glory: Yet ſome Letters from Vienna inſinuate, that the Queen might liſten to a Peace, upon Condition of having the Great Duke declar'd King of the Romans, &c.

From the Paris A-la-main, Feb. 6.

Our Letters from Corſica bring Advice, that the Malecontents had held a General Council, or Aſſembly, at Orezza and Ajaccio, at which all their principal Chiefs aſſiſted; and that a Reſolution was taken, that they would all die with their Swords in their Hands, rather than give themſelves up to the Mercy of the Genoeſe.

From the London Gazette.

Oporto, Dec. 31. Capt. Loſting of his Majeſty's Sloop the Wolf, has put about 30 Hands on board the Spaniſh Privateer Schooner, which he lately took at Marin, in the Entrance of the River of Porto Vedro, and has made her a Cruizer, whereby ſhe will be very ſerviceable for the Protection of the Trade here, as ſhe goes well, and will be able to keep as cloſe in with the Shore as any of the Privateers. The Fly is come from Liſbon, and is now off this Bar, and a ſmall Sloop of eight Guns and forty Men, having a Letter of Marque, hath been fitted out here by ſome Members of the Factory, and is alſo cruizing upon the Coaſt, ſo that the Trade to this Port is ſufficiently ſecur'd from being annoy'd by the Privateers out of Galicia.

IRELAND.

Dublin, Jan. 22. The Hon. Colonels St. George and Irwin are made Brigadier Generals on this Eſtabliſhment.

Laſt Week Edward Nicholſon, Eſq; was married to Miſs Harriot Sandford, Daughter of Col. Sandford, Member of Parliament for the Borough of Roſcommon; a moſt beautiful young Lady, with a Fortune of 5000 l.

Laſt Tueſday died, after a ſhort Illneſs, Robert Lindſey, Eſq; one of the puiſny Judges of the Court of Common-Pleas.

Laſt Week ſeveral Perſons were taken up and committed to the Caſtle of Philipſtown, for counterfeiting the Gold Coin; and on Friday laſt one Meares, a Founder, was taken up here and committed to Newgate for the ſaid Crime, and great Search is making after his Accomplices.

Dublin, Jan. 25. Laſt Saturday died, after a lingering Illneſs, Dr. Henry Cope, State Phyſician, Profeſſor of Phyſick in the Univerſity, and one of the Fellows of the College.

On Friday laſt Michael Bellew of Caſtle-Bellew in the County of Gallway, Eſq; was unfortunately drowned as he was croſſing a Ford.

SCOTLAND.

Edinburgh, Jan. 24. Thurſday the Hon. Capt. Thomas Leſlie was unanimouſly elected to ſerve in Parliament for the Burghs of Dundee, Perth, &c. as vice the late Day Sir James Johnſton, of Weſterhall, Bart. for the Burghs of Dumfries, Annan, &c.

By ſeveral Letters from Perthſhire we have very diſmal and melancholy Accounts of the Effects of the late ſtormy Weather in that County, particularly that at the Boat of Forgan, two Women were loſt, that the Wind blew ſo prodigiouſly high as to drive two Men over the Bridge of Earn, who both periſh'd: That at Comrie a ſmall Rivulet ſwell'd to ſuch a Height by the Overflow of the Rains, that a Woman periſh'd at the very Door of the Houſe, and that two more periſh'd at a little Diſtance.

Edinburgh, Jan. 25. The High Court of Juſticiary, examined the Evidence adduced againſt Mr. Cameron, formerly mentioned. Some Witneſſes, which the Crown Lawyers thought very material, did not attend, and were fined for being abſent: The other Evidences proved nothing. The two Recruits, which were ſaid to have been enliſted by the Pannel, were rejected, as Evidences, by the Court. In ſumming up the Evidence, his Majeſty's Solicitor admitted there was no Proof ſufficient to convict him; but ſaid, he hoped the bringing of this Trial would be of Uſe, not only to inform ſuch as pretended to be ignorant of the Law, but alſo would deter others from committing the like Crimes in Time coming, as they might depend they would not eſcape Trial for ſo atrocious a Crime. The Jury retired only for a few Minutes, and brought in their Verdict, *Not Proven*; on which the Pannel was abſolzied, and diſmiſſed from the Bar.

The Man who was lately found betwixt the Kirk of Arngoſk and Buncanquhal, with his Throat cut, and eleven mortal Wounds in his Body, is diſcover'd to be David Thompſon, who liv'd at Methven, four Miles from Perth. He had gone to Edinburgh with his Brother William to ſettle Affairs with a third Brother call'd John, and appears to have been murder'd in his way home. His Brother William is now Priſoner in the Tolbooth of Perth on Suſpicion.

LONDON.

It is aſſur'd the *Favourite Expedition* to H—— will actually take Place early in the Spring; and it is ſaid a Courier has been diſpatch'd to *Lapland* to buy an *Eaſt Wind*, that there may be no *Retardation*, as have been formerly.

Though the *Seaſon advances*, and though the *Britiſh* Troops are ſaid to have *march'd*, yet we do not hear any *Councils of War* have been held, nor Commander in *Chief* declar'd; therefore it is conjectur'd the —— will put himſelf at the Head of the Army; or that he will ſubmit it to the K—— of P——a.

We hear there is as great Caballing as ever at *St. J——*, and that *great Alterations* will be made before the Campaign opens.

'Tis said, in case his Majesty goes abroad, his Royal Highness the Prince of *Wales* will be left *Regent*.

We hear that the *English*, *Austrian*, and *Dutch* Troops, to be assembled in the Netherlands, will march directly into Germany; and the Hanoverians and Hessians be left behind to garrison Luxembourg, and the Barrier Towns.

'Tis said that the Worcester Man of War had such bad Weather in her Passage from Jamaica, that the Captain was obliged to throw over the first Tier of Guns.

We hear from Gibraltar, that fresh Provisions has been very scarce there on account of a malignant Fever raging at Tangier and Tetuan.

Friday se'nnight the Post-Masters General appointed Mr. Henry Potts, Assistant to Mr. Robert Giddings, Clerk of the Chester Road, to be Comptroller of the General-Post-Office, in the room of Col. Joseph Bell; and last Saturday their Honours appointed Mr. John Barber, Inspector of the Dead Letters, to be Deputy-Comptroller.

The same Day was held a Board of Admiralty, when their Lordships were pleas'd to appoint Lieutenant Dood, who was first Lieutenant of the Dragon, to be Captain of the Blandford Man of War, a twenty Gun Ship.

The Lords of the Admiralty have appointed Mr. Avis, a Baker in the Borough of Southwark, to be Master-Baker to his Majesty's Navy.

The Right Hon. the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury have appointed Richard Lewis, Esq; to be Receiver-General of the Land-Tax for the County of Brecknock.

Tuesday a Grant pass'd the Great Seal to Edward Hutchinson, Esq; of the Office of Customer and Collector of the Customs in the Port of Carlisle, and all Places, Creeks, &c. thereto belonging, in the room of Richard Gibson, Gent. deceas'd.

Last Saturday Charles Eggleton, Esq; one of the Sheriffs of this City, was married to Miss Kent, only Daughter of Samuel Kent, of Vaux-Hall, Esq; Member of Parliament for Ipswich in Suffolk, a beautiful young Lady with a Fortune of 20,000 l.

A few Days ago Manning Lechemilier, of Lewsham in Kent, Esq; who acquir'd a very large Fortune in the East-Indies, was married to Miss Green of Spital-Square, a Lady esteem'd one of the handsomest Quakers in the Kingdom, with a Fortune of 10,000 l.

A few Days since William Hoskins, of Somerset-House, Esq; Clerk of the Stables to his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, &c. was married to Mrs. Nanfan, an agreeable Widow Lady with a Forune of 10,000 l.

A few Days since died, at his House in Great Russel-Street, Bloomsbury, John Smith, Esq; said to have died worth upwards of 20,000 l. formerly a Printseller, and this Week his Corpse was carry'd to Northampton, and decently inter'd in St. Peter's Church, in a Family Vault, near the Remains of his Wife, who died some time since.

Last Week died, at East-Hampsted in Berkshire, aged about Fourscore, the Lady Judith Trumball, Relict of Sir William Trumball, Knt. Secretary of State in the Reign of King William, and Sister to the late Earl of Stirling.

On Saturday died, at his House in Miles-Lane, Cannon-Street, Capt. John Merry, many Years in the Straights Trade, Brother to Mr. Richard Merry, an eminent Merchant of this City.

Last Sunday Morning died Mr. Woods, a Salesman of great Business near Bishopsgate, reckoned worth 10,000 l.

On Sunday last died of a Fever Mr. Chenevix, who kept the great Toy-Shop facing Suffolk-Street, St. James's.

Last Sunday died Mr. Evans, one of the Officers belonging to the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, in the Gift of his Lordship.

On Monday died at Crawford in Kent, the Lady of the Rev. Dr. Twisden, Rector of that Place, and Son to Sir William Twisden, Bart.

Last Week a Dispensation pass'd the Great Seal to enable the Rev. Lionel Seaman, M. A. Chaplain to Thomas Lord Viscount Weymouth, to hold the Vicarage of Froom Selwood, in the County of Somerset and Diocese of Bath and Wells, and the Rectory of Merston Bisott in the County and Diocese aforesaid.

Also a Dispensation to the Rev. John Painter, M. A. Chaplain to the Right Hon. George Lord Reay, to hold the Rectory of Churchover, in the County of Warwick and Diocese of Litchfield and Coventry, and the Vicarage of Newbold upon Avon, in the County and Diocese aforesaid.

The Rev. Mr. Edward North is presented by the Lord Chancellor to the Rectory of Pakefield in the County of Suffolk.

On Saturday last a Dispensation pass'd the Great Seal to enable the Rev. John Carpenter, M. A. Chaplain to the Right Hon. the Lord Newark, to hold the Vicarage of Pagham in the County of Sussex and in the Jurisdiction of Canterbury, together with the Rectory of Bignor in the County aforesaid and Diocese of Chichester.

The same Day a Dispensation pass'd the Great Seal to enable the Rev. Joseph Lashbury, M. A. Chaplain to the Right Hon. the Earl of Bristol, to hold the Rectory of Livermore, in the County of Suffolk and Diocese of Norwich, together with the Rectory of Westerfield, in the County and Diocese aforesaid.

They write from Cambridge, that last Saturday in the Afternoon arriv'd there the Rev. Dr. George, Master of Eaton School, who was chosen Provost of King's College a few Days since; he was immediately sworn into his Office, and took his Seat in the Chapel last Sunday.

A few Days since as the Wife to a Captain of a Merchant Ship was going down the River to meet her Husband, the Boat, either through Carelessness or want of Skill in the Waterman, was half fill'd with Water in Woolwich-Reach, and was near foundering; on which the Fellow leap'd out and swam to Shore, leaving the poor Gentlewoman to shift for herself: just at this Time three or four Boats were coming up the River, to whom she call'd, but as the Wind was very high, and a great Tide, they were unwilling to run the Hazard of loosing their own Lives to save hers, and therefore all kept their Way, except one Thomas Halsey, about eighteen Years old (an Apprentice to a Waterman of Tower-Stairs, that belongs to the Hand-in-Hand Fire-Office) who declar'd he would save her Life, or lose his own, and accordingly went to her Assistance, got her into his Boat, and brought her safe to Greenwich, and afterwards to London, and then saw her to her House in Gravel-Lane; for which we hope he will be very well rewarded.——*The Fellow who leap'd out of the Boat, has since told the other, that if he had been good for any Thing, he might have sav'd his Sculls.*

Thursday se'nnight, about 9 at Night, a Fire broke out the lower End of Southampton-Row near Bloomsbury, in a House that was lately taken for her Grace the Dutchess of Beaufort. It is said to have been occationed by the Carelessness of the Servants who were airing the Rooms. There were seven Engines playing, and the Firemen were encourag'd by the Presence of his Grace the Duke of Bedford, who gave Directions for the working of them. The two farthest Houses in the Row are entirely consum'd, and the third much damag'd.

On Tuesday Night, between Nine and Ten o'Clock, a Fire broke out in some Stabling in Whetstone's Park, by Lincoln's-Inn-Fields, which burnt the Stables where it began, two Coach-Houses, a couple of Horses, and did other Damage before it was extinguish'd.

Thursday se'nnight John Waite, late Cashier of the Bank, who was brought to Town the Evening before from Dublin, was, after a long Examination before the Right Hon. the Lord Chief Justice Lee, committed to Newgate.

On Saturday Morning last one James Roberts, a Chairman, was committed to Wood-Street Compter, by the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, on a violent Suspicion of robbing the Servant of Messi. Craig and Neville of a Quantity of unfinish'd Plate, the Night before, in Leicester-Fields. He was stopp'd offering a Silver Fork to Sale at a Silversmith's Shop in Bishopsgate-Street.

Last Saturday Night one Thomas Rea (a known Sharper and Barrow-Man) was committed to New-Prison by Col. De Veil, for cheating and defrauding several Persons of Money to a considerable Value with false and loaded Dice.

As was Anne Broom to the same Place, by the above Gentleman, for defrauding Mr. George Chambers, an Embroiderer, (her late Master) of 8 l. 14 s. by taking up in his Name Gold and Silver Thread after she had left his Service.

By Letters from Plymouth, dated Jan. 28, we have Advice that his Majesty's Ship the Hampshire, Capt. Littlehales, was arrived there from a Cruize, and had carried in with him the Turtle Dove and the Betty, both of Cork, loaden with Woolen and Woollen Goods.

Last Week an Account came from Dover, that the Tower Galley, Capt. Wingfield, and the Constantine, Capt. Whitchurch, both from Falmouth, bound to Leghorn, were attack'd off Vigo by a Spanish Privateer of 10 Guns and 90 Men, and after an obstinate Engagement for some time, they took her, and carried her to Gibraltar. This Vessel is suppos'd to have been the Lisbon Packet, call'd the Townsend, in which Capt. Cooper was taken.

Capt. Witney, in the Anne belonging to Bermudas, and Capt. Bradley, in the Providence Snow belonging to London, both fitted out together from Jamaica in the Jews Service, went to the South Keys together, where they had just made their Voyage, and had on board 60,000 Pieces of Eight, when two whole Galleys and two Half-Galleys, fitted out from the Havanna, took them both the 14th of August last. Capt. Bradley and 30 Men, Blacks and Whites, quitted the Snow, and got upon a desolate Key, where there was neither Water, or any Thing to be got. Nine of the Men took the Yaul, and put off for Jamaica, and had neither Bread nor Water in the Boat with them, and were seven Days and seven Nights before they got over to Little River, all in Health. Capt. Bradley and the rest were taken, and put into Bian Prison.

The Saphire Man of War has taken a Spanish Privateer, and carried her into Oporto.

The Bonetta, Chamberlain, a small English Privateer, is taken by the Spaniards.

The Pretty Betsey, Reynolds, from London for Jamaica, is taken by the Spaniards and carry'd into Cherburg.

Extract of a Letter from an Officer at Gibraltar, dated Jan. 3.

'A few Days before Capt. Purcell, in the Pulteney Privateer, at the Back of the Rock, fell in with 'two large Spanish Privateers, carrying each 12 Carriage Guns besides Swivels, and 120 Men, who 'both attack'd him. Capt. Purcell mustered but 38 Men, notwithstanding which, by his good Conduct, and the Bravery of his Men, he got clear, and 'has disabled both the Privateers so much, that they 'cannot go to Sea for a long Time, having kill'd and 'wounded near 130 of their Men. His own Ship did not receive much Damage, and he had not one 'Man kill'd.—Capt. Purcell's Behaviour in this 'Action, as well as in many other hereabouts, has 'gain'd him great Esteem, having done more Good 'than any one Ship we have known.——Admiral 'Mathews has order'd two Bomb Vessels to cruize in 'the Gut; so that we hope the Trade will now be 'uninterrupted.'

From the London Gazette.

Whitehall, Jan. 16. The King has been pleased to grant the Dignity of an Earl of the Kingdom of Ireland unto the Right Hon. Ralph Viscount Fermanagh in that Kingdom, by the Name, Stile and Title, of Earl of Verney, in his Majesty's Province of Leinster.

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